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where he uses the names of French localities in conjunction with Greek roots in forming generic names.

SYNOPSIS OF THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE ANIMAL KINGDOM. By H. Alleyne Nicholson, M.D., Ph.D., F.L.S., F.G.S., etc.¹—We confess to a good deal of surprise at a work of this kind being put forth at this time. A more lamentable failure to fulfill the promise raised by the title page and general style of mechanical execution, it would be difficult to imagine. The work being simply a classified list, should at least have represented the results of modern investigation as to the systematic relations of animals. This the work in question does not do. The figures are good. The best is that of the *Pheronema annæ* of Leidy, which, however, is represented under the name of *Holtenia carpenteri*.

RECENT BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.—A Review of the Summer Birds of a part of the Catskill mountains, with prefatory remarks on the faunal and floral features of the region. By E. P. Bicknell. Ext. from the Trans. Linnean Soc. of N. York. From the author.

Development of the planula of *Clava leptostyla* Ag. By J. H. Pillsbury. From the author.

Memoires sur quelques Mammiferès Fossiles, des Phosphorites du Quercy. Par M. H. Filhol. Toulouse. From the author.

Etude des Mammiferès fossiles de Ronzon (Haute Loire). Par M. H. Filhol. From the author.

Contributions to the Anatomy of Birds. By R. W. Shufeldt, M.D. Ext. from the 12th annual report of Hayden's Survey. From the author.

Congrès Geologique International. Compte Rendu de la 2d session. Bologne, 1881.

Ueber Flugsaurier aus dem lithographischen schiefer Bayerns. Von Karl A. Zittel. From the author.

Fossiles de la Pampa. Amerique du Sud. 2 Catalogue de Santiago Roth, San Nicolas. From the author.

Catalogue and Index of the publications of the Smithsonian Museum, 1846 to 1882. From the institution.

Notes on Fishes observed about Pensacola, Florida, and Galveston, Texas, with description of new species. By David S. Jordan and Chas. H. Gilbert. Ext. from Proc. U. S. National Museum. From the author.

Phonetics of the Kayowe language. By Albert S. Gatschet. Read before the Amer. Assoc. Adv. Sci., Aug. 19, 1881. From the author. Also by and from the same—

Linguistic Notes.

Footprints found at the Carson State Prison. By H. W. Harkness, M.D. Ext. from the Proc. Cal. Acad. Sci. From the author.

On certain remarkable Tracks found in the rocks of Carson quarry. By Joseph LeConte. Ext. from the Proc. Cal. Ac. Sc., 1882. From the author.

Observations on the fat-cells and connective tissue corpuscles of *Necturus*. By Simon H. Gage. Rep. from the Proc. Amer. Soc. Micros., Vol. iv. From the author.

¹Wm. Blackwood & Sons, Edinburgh and London. 8vo, pp. 130, 1882.